

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Lance Corporal Steven Hancock of Goose Lake, Illinois, who faithfully served our Nation in the United States Marine Corps. He was a member of the Second Marine Aircraft Wing and died while participating in a training exercise on an MV-22B Osprey aircraft on May 19, 2014.

Lance Corporal Hancock was one of three children and attended Coal City High School. He was known as a quiet leader and earned the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout as a member of Scout Troop 466. His family, friends, and colleagues will always remember his constant smile, cheerfulness, and strong faith in Jesus Christ.

Lance Corporal Hancock joined the Marine Corps on March 5, 2012, and was the crew chief of the Osprey aircraft on which he served. His sense of duty and willingness to voluntarily serve our country demonstrates what makes our Nation exceptional. He will be sorely missed, and I am extremely grateful for his service.

It is because of people like him who are willing to defend our country that we are allowed to stand here and deliberate on behalf of the American people.

God bless Lance Corporal Hancock, and God bless his family.

THANKING CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER STAFF

(Mr. SIRES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the Capitol Visitor Center employees for their hard work during this popular tourist season at the United States Capitol. I recognize the great effort, organization, and knowledge it takes not only to lead tours of the United States Capitol, but to help visitors navigate this sometimes confusing building.

In addition, CVC staff is instrumental in assisting congressional offices, such as mine, with coordinating staff-led tours through the Capitol. My constituents enjoy visiting this historic building not only to learn about United States history, but to see where their legislators work each and every day. The staff of the United States Capitol Visitor Center make their visits more enjoyable, informative, and help to ensure history comes alive here at the Capitol.

The Capitol Visitor Center has welcomed approximately 2.2 million visitors since the Visitor Center opened its doors in December of 2008. In March of this year, the Capitol Visitor Center assisted over 155,000 visitors on Capitol tours. In April, despite construction of the rotunda on the second floor of the Capitol Building, the Visitor Center assisted over 209,000 visitors.

Today, I recognize their hard work and thank each and every one of them for what they do for my constituents in the Eighth District and throughout this country.

THE MEDAL OF HONOR PRIORITY CARE ACT

(Mr. WALBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, last week, I introduced bipartisan legislation to honor our Congressional Medal of Honor recipients. H.R. 4720, the Medal of Honor Priority Care Act, would place Medal of Honor recipients in the VA's highest priority group to make certain they receive timely access to their health benefits.

Medal of Honor recipients have gone above and beyond the call of duty by putting themselves in harm's way to protect their position and fellow soldiers in combat. Currently, there are 78 living recipients of the Medal of Honor, including two from Michigan—Corporal Duane E. Dewey and Private First Class Robert E. Simanek—who both received the decoration for their heroic actions in the Korean war.

These heroes should have access to the VA when they need it, and the Medal of Honor Priority Care Act will ensure that this select group of individuals is guaranteed the highest level of care.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

(Ms. KELLY of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry commemorates the 70th anniversary of the capture of the U-505 submarine, I recognize the museum for offering world-class experiences that inspire children to achieve their full potential in science, technology, medicine, and engineering.

The U-505 German submarine terrorized the Atlantic Ocean as part of a massive U-boat campaign that almost altered the outcome of World War II. On June 4, 1944, it was brought to the ocean's surface with a depth charge attack from the USS *Chatelain*, after which crew from the USS *Pillsbury* boarded the sub and helped Allied forces gain valuable defense intelligence that forever changed the course of world events.

The U-505 exhibition is not only a memorial to the sailors who gave up their lives on the high seas, it is a reminder of the role that science and technology plays in keeping the world safe and changing history for the better. I thank the Museum of Science and Industry for molding the minds of the future while celebrating America's innovative past.

In closing, I want to salute the students watching from the museum.

IN HONOR OF THE BOBBY RAY DETACHMENT

(Mr. DESJARLAIS asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride I rise today to honor the Marine Corps League's Bobby Ray Detachment of McMinnville in the Fourth Congressional District.

For the past 238 years, the Marine Corps has stood as a symbol of America's strength and valor. The level of commitment, honor, discipline, and courage exemplified by the Corps is unparalleled. By banding together both Active Duty and retired marines, the Marine Corps League preserves these same values and proves true the motto, "Once a Marine, Always a Marine."

Members of the Marine Corps League play an important role in our communities. Whether offering assistant service to members, commemorating historical occasions, or organizing fundraisers for local charities, these individuals embody the principle of "ductus exemplo," or "lead by example."

Next month, the Bobby Ray Detachment will host the Marine Corps League State Convention. It is an honor to recognize these patriots as they bond together to promote the ideals of freedom and democracy.

I, along with the grateful citizens of Tennessee's Fourth District, extend to these marines a heartfelt thanks for the sacrifices made and the services rendered to our country.

2014 SCIENCE FAIR AND STEM EDUCATION

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, this week, the White House hosted high school students from across the country for its 2014 Science Fair.

San Diego high school student Eric Chen was among the attendees and was praised by President Obama for his award-winning research into combating influenza. I rise to congratulate Eric and celebrate all students across the country who eagerly pursue scientific research.

We must continue to provide students with opportunities to demonstrate their excitement and their mastery in science, technology, engineering, and math. Soon we will depend on these same students to tackle our biggest challenges; and at times, they will inherit problems that seem daunting: climate change, antibiotic-resistant bacteria, drought, food scarcity, the list goes on.

We are at a critical crossroads in so many areas and cannot afford to lose our technological edge. We must provide students with the tools necessary for success by further investing in STEM education. It begins by heavily recruiting teachers who go beyond the traditional role of educators, teachers that become mentors and explorers and visionaries with their students; and we need teachers who inspire our best and